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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Sayings of Imam Ali (A.S.)

1. There is no greater wealth than wisdom, no greater poverty than ignorance; no greater heritage than culture and no greater support than consultation.
2. Anyone who loves us Ahlul Bayt (a.s.) must be ready to face a life of austerity.
3. Like your body your mind also gets tired so refresh it by wise sayings.
4. Whoever warns you against sins and vices is like the one who gives you good tidings.
5. Value of a man depends upon his courage; his veracity depends upon his self-respect and his chastity depends upon his sense of honor.
6. Hearts of people are like wild beasts. They attach themselves to those who love and train them.
7. A virtuous person is better than virtue and a vicious person is worse than vice.
8. Tongue is a beast, if it is let loose, it devours.
9. A friend cannot be considered a friend unless he is tested on three occasions: in time of need, behind your back and after your death.
10. The structure of faith (in religion) is supported by four pillars endurance, conviction, justice and jihad.
11. Do not feel ashamed if the amount of charity is small because to refuse the needy is an act of greater shame.
12. If you cannot get things as much as you desire than be contented with what you have.
13. Those who have come alive out of a blood-bath live longer and have more children.
14. I wonder at a man who loses hope of salvation when the door of repentance is open for him.



From The Editor's Desk

*In the name of Allah the all
merciful the ever merciful*

Brother and Sisters

Salaam Alaiku

Muharram is as per Islamic calendar is the first month of the New Year. Usually people celebrate the 1st day of the New Year and it still happens in many Arab countries.

However for the followers of Ahlul-Bait (a.s.) it's the beginning of a month in which the history of Karbala is repeated and repeated. People organize Majalis and attend to remember Imam Hussain (a.s.) and his companions' sacrifices and that how should we make our life tuned with the teachings of these great Martyrs.

If we look at Azadari in our culture we can clearly see mainly three types of speakers.

- Speakers who are not in harmony with the basic teachings of Islam and Ahlul-Bait (a.s.)
- Formal speakers who try to explain history with attributes of Ahlul-Bait

(a.s.) but explain nothing related to our daily life or present situation.

- Speakers who along with explaining the attributes of Ahlul-Bait (a.s.) history also relate things to our lives, responsibilities and current situation etc.

We need to analyse which type of Majalis are in line with the teachings of Imam Hussain (a.s.) the Masoom (a.s.). If we look at the picture in real life it's very clear that there are some directors of drama being played in Islamic world where the causes and names are changed but the actors are the same.

The present situation of Iraq, Syria, Yemen, Pakistan, Afghanistan etc. is being repeated now with a new name and label of ISIS. It won't be difficult for anyone to realise that this new phenomenon is again the same Al-Baida one but now more trained are better armed. Have latest equipments and have the ability to fly jets. Do I have to explain how and where these Agha or cultures have

come out. Have they jumped from skies or come out of earth? specially trained and equipped by the directors of world cinema.

How come few thousands of the have become so strong that no one is ready to think about how to defeat them? All eyes are on Iran and its great leader Imam Khomeini. West, East and even Arab media is full of quotes from politicians, leaders etc. that the only hope to fight this phenomenon is Iran.

Here I would like to comment that those who wrote the script forgot that the script will become so interesting that the young Muslim boys and girls from Europe, North America, Australia will not be able to resist such an interesting 'development' and will start running to be part of the script and then you can read what is happening.

Wait and see how the West shall read what they have sown in the last few years.

When it comes to Pakistan, it is clear that weak governance and agencies are the main reason

for such terrorist organisation to show their footprints.

We Hussaini azadars, Alhamdulillah with all this going on around us will perform our religious duties including Azadari with full religious enthusiasm and show the world that we are not afraid of anything except Allah عزوجل. No threat has been able to stop Azadari of Imam Hussain رضى الله عنه and inshallah our Ahl-e-Sunnah brothers and sisters will also participate and pay respect to the great sacrifice of Imam Hussain رضى الله عنه which saved Islam from being a religion of Manu Udayyah.

Recent floods have badly affected Mojeen in Pakistan, we need to look at their needs also.

May Allah عزوجل bless us all and give us strength to perform all our duties in the best possible way. Amen.

Long live Islam.

Long live Pakistan.

Editor.

Shahmir Hameed Maisa Ali Lakhani



Your Daily-Life Questions Answered

Q.1: The concept of Taqlid has been popular recently. I am not convinced of its religious obligation. Can you help me?

Ans.: The popularity of the concept of Taqlid amongst the masses in these days is due to the broad existence of means of communication which have led to the wide spread of knowledge of religious laws. It is not because the concept is new. Rather, it was present at the time of the Imam's (عليه السلام) when they were directing their companions and followers in general to learn the religious laws. This made the people ask and practically not all of them could reach the Imam (عليه السلام) and ask him in person. But they used to refer to a close companion who could be reached to gain knowledge in Islamic laws. There were known narrators who were giving verdicts to people and the Shias used to

refer to them during those days like Mohaqqaq in Musliq, Zurara, Zakaria in Ada and others.

This need continued to exist after the disappearance of the Twelfth Imam (عليه السلام) until now. It is a natural need and a sensible way as people refer to the experts in various fields like medicine, engineering and other kinds of expertise as people are not satisfied with their own limited knowledge in these areas.

Q.2: Is it permissible for Non-Shia Muslims to make use of edicts (fatwas) of a Shia Mujtahid without becoming Shia Muslims?

Ans.: These edicts are based on the jurisprudence of the Imams of the Ahlul-Bait and the narrations that reached us in authentic ways which all Muslims are required to act upon since the Prophet (ﷺ) placed upon him and his holy progeny ordered the

nation of Islaam to refer to the Ahlul-Bait and follow them in the famous well-known narration that is reported by numerous ways in the books of Shias and Sunnis. I leave among you the two weighty things: the book of Allah and my progeny as long as you follow both of them you will never be misguided.

Acting upon this narration and other narrations to follow the Ahlul-Bait is not obligatory on the Shias only. But it is an obligation on all Muslims.

Q.3: I'm daughter of a Sunni father and a Shia mother. I'm looking for the right path. Please help me.

Shias say that prostration is not allowed except upon the earth or what grows (from) the earth. Please provide a proper reference wherein this is said by the prophet in some popular book of hadees.

Ans.: Such references are given by the Sharja-e Taalid to those who can cross check and

understand. Just one point. If I do SAJDA on what Shia rule says it is going to be correct according to Sunni rule. But if you do according to Ahl-e-Sunnah rule it will be not correct according to Shia rule so following Shia rule will be correct on this case.

Q.4: I am a medical student. I have to touch a dead body daily for study purposes. I am not allowed to use gloves. Is Ghusl obligatory for me every day?

Ans.: Yes, you are to perform the Ghusl when you come in contact with a dead body before you perform the prayers.

Q.5: Should the chin be covered while wearing hijab or can it be exposed just like the rest of the face?

Ans.: It is unlawful for women to uncover the part under the chin in the presence of non-Mahram.



A Deep Insight Into Karbala

*An excerpt from the book 'A Glimpse Into the History of Ashura'
by Ayatollah Dr. M. D. Rahi Ayati*

Negative Attitude towards the Tragedy of Karbala

Imam Husayn rose for the sake of a sublime object. It was not his object that Yazid should cease to wield authority and instead of him, he himself should come at the helm of affairs. In other words, he had no personal grudge against Yazid. He supported truth in whatever shape it made its appearance and opposed falsehood whether it was headed by Yazid or someone else.

These seventy-two persons whose number becomes seventy-three with the addition of the Imam himself rose so that religion might continue to live in history and if it had not been so they would not have achieved the result from their grand sacrifice. They did not rise so that their sins might be forgiven. Their case was quite different from those

who committed sins throughout their lives. They were different from those persons who accumulate wealth by unlawful means and then purify themselves by paying a visit to Karbala or Makkah.

They even endow a part of this unlawful wealth so that Allah may overlook the balance amount. These seventy-two persons were mostly neither sinners nor debtors. The leader of this noblement was the infallible Imam and had not committed any sin throughout his life. The young men of the Banī Hashīmi family were pious persons and enjoyed an impeccable position. The companions of the Imam were also distinguished persons of their time in the matter of piety.

Did the martyrs as any persons imagine? Let martyr do so that they might become a haven for the

sinner of the universe. In other words if the Muslims or Shi'ah before the martyrdom of Imam Husayn committed sins with anxiety and concern they may feel relieved to commit sins with impunity. Do not deceive the people in any manner they like and may not feel any fear of accountability before Allah and of Divine Punishment because Imam Husayn was martyred to intercede for the sinners. The Imam let the martyrdom so that the sins of the universe might be forgiven. The people committed sins in the past and will continue to commit sins in future and the Imam made atonement for their sins. Jesus was crucified and the Christian sinners were relieved. Imam Husayn was also killed and guaranteed the salvation of the sinners of the universe!

We seek refuge in Allah! This explanation and this way of thinking which may perhaps be preferred by most of the common people is exactly

opposed to the real object of the Imam in this noble event. He rose so that the people might fear Allah more, be on their guard more from the consequences of sin which they have to endure in this world and in the Hereafter and may pay more attention to the performance of their religious duties. He rose to eliminate sin to restrain the people from doing unlawful things and to revive the spirit of piety in their hearts.

He rose to enjoin the people to do good and to restrain them from evil to forestall corruption and sins to strengthen the fear of Allah in their hearts and to draw their attention to Him so that the teachings provided by the Holy Quran might be put into practice in the Muslim universe. Consequently it should be a nation which does not tell lies, does not commit treachery, is honest in what ever it does, is brave and courageous, does not worship anyone except Allah, does not

submit to anything except truth and does not tolerate anything except law and reasonable words

The Imam was not killed so that he might tell the people. After my martyrdom there is no need to tell the truth to be honest to worship to acquire lawful property to refrain from unlawful acts and to have regard for the rights of the people.

The Imam did not say he has been killed so that my successors may remain in tune from inconveniences and commit sins throughout their lives with perfect peace of mind. This way of thinking is shameful for the Muslims and pains the sacred souls of the martyrs who laid down their lives struggling in the path of Allah against sin and iniquity. It is not at all possible that a man should be distant from Allah and close to the Imam and may displease Allah and please the Imam and may set aside a part of his sins for

the Imam so that Allah may not call him to account.

Those people who think on these lines not only betray Islam and the spirit of the movement of Imam Husayn but it may be said that with the capital of the martyrdom of the Imam they have set up an organization of their own against the things declared lawful and unlawful by Allah and the reward and punishment prescribed by Him.

How unlucky is the Muslim who does not offer prayers or observe fast or respect the rights of the people or does unlawful things or earns his livelihood by means of usury or other unlawful occupations and then imagines haughtily that he is a disciple of Imam Husayn. Such a Muslim should be asked: Why do you claim to be a disciple of Imam Husayn when neither you like his deeds nor he liked yours? He spoke the truth and you tell lies. He was honest and you commit treachery.

He asked for extension of time during the night of Ashura so that he might spend that night in offering prayers, supplications, asking Divine forgiveness and reciting the Qurān, whereas your nights are spent mostly in committing sins and doing undesirable things. He sacrificed in the path of Allah everything which he possessed whereas you cannot dispense with even a small coin for the sake of Allah.

Many persons claim to be the disciples of Imam Husayn and this is due to the fact that they have not recognized him properly and think that they can win his favour by means of usual homages, greetings and compliments. They are exactly like most of the persons who await the appearance of the Imam of the time and do not know that the appearance of the Imam is not profitable for them and the Imam of their imagination will not appear at all, as the Imam who will appear will not distribute

money and costs among his disciples.

A person who has a true concept of Prophethood and Imamate does not get involved in such errors and does not attribute anything to the Prophet and Imam opposed to the Divine organization. He knows that the greatness of the Prophet and the Imam is based on obedience to Allah and one cannot benefit from the Prophet and the Imam except through obedience to the Almighty.

In spite of all the hardships on the day of Ashura and the fact that the enemies did not agree to postpone fighting for a few moments for the performance of prayers, Imam Husayn offered noon prayers in congregation while fighting was still in progress and made two of his companions namely Zuhayr bin Ayn, Hajali and Sa'ad bin Abdullah Hanafi stand before him so that they might counteract the attacks of the enemies and enable the Imam to offer his

Prayers How can such an Imam be willing that instead of offering prayers one may simply mourn his martyrdom and abandon necessary duties relying on his intercession and favor and commit unlawful acts?

Mourning for the Imam should make the people understand religion. It should bring them nearer to Allah and keep them away from sin. It should make them love religion all the more and receive the spirit of monotheism in them. They should realize that the gatherings held to mourn the martyrdom of Imam Husayn can please Allah and receive the means of reward in the Hereafter only when they take place within the limits of obedience to the Almighty Allah and do not consist of falsehood and unlawful acts. Because Allah cannot be worshipped by means of sin and unlawful things cannot be made the basis of worship.

It is so because Allah accepts only that act which is mer-

ited within the limits of piety. It reforms human soul and takes him to a higher spiritual stage. It is not possible that a good deed is done and it has no effect on the soul of man. It is the effect of a good deed which appears in the share of spiritual reward in the Hereafter and unless a deed has a good effect on human soul it is meaningless to say that it carries spiritual reward.

Similarly, unless a deed has good effect on human soul it is meaningless to say that it carries punishment in the Hereafter. Those persons who apparently do good deeds but do not have the least effect on their souls and do not reform them are sadly mistaken. They remain at the same spiritual stage and still think that they have acquired abundant spiritual reward.

Good deeds should provide food for spiritual faculties to man and should improve and reform his inner self. They should eradicate base passions

times from their mind and should develop good morals in their place and strengthen them. In case good deeds do not produce good effects it should be concluded that the deeds in question were not really good and were not performed properly. For it so happens very often that contrary to what is imagined such deeds have bad effects on human soul.

Allah says: ***"Whoever desires to meet his Lord should strive to do good deeds". (Al-Kahf, 18:110).***

Tragedy of Karbala Remains Unforgettable

In the month of Muharram 10 AH a terrific tragedy took place in Iraq on the bank of the river Eufrates. It seemed in those days to be trivial and insignificant from the historical point of view. A large army which had been mobilized by the Umayyad regime besieged a group of persons numbering less than one hundred and put them under pressure so that they might take the oath

of allegiance to the caliph of the time and submit to his authority. As the persons constituting this small group did not swear allegiance and did not surrender, a severe battle took place.

Its duration was very brief. The matter was settled in less than a day's time and all the persons constituting that small group were killed. It appeared at that time that like hundreds of other similar and more important events which continue to take place in human history this historical event would also be recorded in history and forgotten with the lapse of time.

The usual way of life of the Muslims did not change on account of this tragedy and everyone remained engaged in his daily business. The Muslim tradesmen were busy with their occupations. The mosques were frequented as usual. The Muslim preachers spoke about lawful and unlawful things, Paradise and Hell, spiritual reward and

punishment and other religious matters from the Muslims. The only thing which was not talked about was this event which was apparently transient and without any effect.

It was only the organization of the caliphate which fulfilled this event in various regions of the Islamic territories although in a brief and ambiguous manner. This was done with two objects in view firstly that the people should come to know about the leaders of the movement opposed to the government having been killed and should take a lesson from it and similar risings should not take place in future; secondly that the caliphate should show itself guiltless and innocent in the matter and the leaders of the movement should be depicted as adventurous and dishonourable. Husayn bin Ali who was at the head of the rising was to be introduced as opposed to truth and a liar.

Not only the regime of Umayyad and its supporters

but even the majority of the Muslims of those days considered this tragedy to have culminated in the success of the killers of Imam Husayn. It was imagined that not only that the Imam and his companions had met martyrdom but thereafter none from amongst Ahlul Bayt (the progeny of the Holy Prophet) nor anyone else would pick up courage to oppose Yazid and the hearts which had been wounded due to the martyrdom of the Imam would also heal up with the passage of time.

Those people were not aware of the true spirit of this tragic event which covered only a few hours. They did not know that with the passage of time the greatness and effect of this sacred campaign against falsehood and tyranny would continue to increase.

At the time of the occurrence of this tragedy there were only a few persons from amongst the Ahlul Bayt who could assess its value and

in importance speak about the effects which it would have later on the Muslims and relieve them to some extent from the misunderstanding in which they were involved.

These were the few persons who could unveil with their speeches the wickedness of the prevailing regime and the misunderstanding of the people and draw the attention of the people to the wrong which had been dealt to the enemy by those martyrs who were lying calmly in their graves and to the tumult those heads would create in history later. The heads which had been severed and held on the spears.

The persons who went to various cities and regions in the capacity of prisoners changed the thinking of the people and emancipated their sacred martyrs from the charges leveled against them in such a way that the facts of the event became crystal clear.

Here arises a question which must be looked into and answered. The question is Why did it so happen that the tragedy of Karbala occupied the central position amongst all the historical events of Islam and all religious risings and no collective rising, struggle and martyrdom could acquire greatness in the world similar to that of the rising of Imam Husayn?

In the battle of Uhud which took place near Madina in the month of Shawwal 6 AH between the Muslims and the polytheists of Makkah a group of forty Muslims disobeyed their commander owing to some misunderstandings. Consequently some Muslims who were fighting against some polytheists were defeated after having gained victory over the enemy. More than 70 persons were martyred. The bodies of most of the martyrs were mutilated in such a way that a sister could not identify the body of her brother except by means of a

defect in his finger. Notwithstanding this the battle of Uhud and the martyrdom of more than 70 to 80 Muslim mujahids have not acquired the grandeur of the tragedy of Karbala.

Another tragical event is that of the martyrs of Bakha wherein a number of the descendants of the Holy Prophet were martyred near Makkah during the time of Hadi Aqasi.

Another similar event is that of the martyrdom of sixteen Hasani Sayyids who were imprisoned in the Hasiyya jail of Kufa under the orders of Mansur Dawani. They died one after the other and Mansur did not allow their dead bodies to be buried. When all of them died he ordered the roof of the jail to be made to fall on the dead bodies of these sons of the Holy Prophet. They were neither bathed nor shrouded nor buried. These as well as other similar tragedies of the history of Islam cannot equal

the tragedy of Karbala and none of these martyrs can be matched with Imam Husayn.

Hasan bin Abdul Muttali, the agnate uncle of the Prophet of Allah was martyred in Uhud and he received the title of Doyen of Martyrs from Allah and His Prophet. However if even his name is substituted for that of Imam Husayn it cannot be expected to create the same effect.

We do not intend to give and cannot perhaps give a complete and comprehensive answer to this question. It may however be said that besides the personality of the leader of this rising which is certainly a reason for its enjoying precedence over other risings, one of the most important and effective factors and causes for the superiority of Imam Husayn's rising was the chapter which was added to the tragedy after the martyrdom of Imam Husayn and his companions. It was a chapter on the creation of which the enemy

his self insisted and thus unintentionally provided the means of his own disgrace. The result was that it was through Ahlul Bayt who had been made prisoners and also through those who had killed Imam Husayn the world came to know about the reality and importance of this rising.

The enemies most brutally treated the Ahlul Bayt after the martyrdom of the Holy Imam and termination of fighting. They denuded the martyrs of their belongings and plundered their dresses. They rushed into the tents, looted the property of Ahlul Bayt and set their tents on fire. They attempted to kill the ailing Imam Sajjad in his bed. They got the dead bodies of the martyrs trampled upon under the hooves of the horses and held their heads on the spears. They behaved harshly towards the bereaved prisoners and struck a stick on the lips and teeth of their Imam.

These heinous acts which recoiled upon the enemy themselves and made the real position known to the people convinced them from Karbala and continued up to Damascus. Yazid himself took part in these atrocities and had a share in the consequent disgrace for his self and his associates.

On the contrary the Ahlul Bayt showed perfect greatness and magnanimity and behaved as if nothing had happened and they had experienced no hardship. Most of the people were under the impression that they had been defeated and eliminated. But wherever they went they talked about their own success and the enemy's disgrace.

At a time when most of the people thought that the enemy had been victorious, they introduced themselves as exalted and successful and the proud enemy as unfortunate and disgraced in history. Contrary to the anticipation of

the people they predicted the downfall of 'Ani U' ayya

If Ibn Sad and Ibn Ziyad after the martyrdom of 'a' Husayn and his companions had been as a matter of expediency shown honor and respect to the Ahlul Bayt of the Holy Prophet and offered condolences to them for the tragedy which had been brought about by the selves. They did not prevent the burial of the martyrs but buried them earlier than their own soldiers and sent the Ahlul Bayt to Madina directly from Karbala with due honor and respect. If the barbarous activities of the enemy on the one hand and the oppressive preachings of the Ahlul Bayt on the other had not taken place the martyrdom of the 'a' and the tragedy of Karbala would certainly not have been reflected in the world in the shade which it assumed and the enemies of the 'a' too would not have been disgraced to such

an extent. This too was as willed by Allah.

The enemy took the powerful preachers Ahlul Bayt forcibly as captives from one city to another and provided them an opportunity to speak to the people who were mostly spectators of this tragedy and introduce themselves to them and mentioned the Holy Prophet everywhere as their father or grandfather. The Ahlul Bayt got the first opportunity to display their eloquence on the night of Muharram when they were brought into the city of Kufa. Seeing Kufa was very painful for the Ahlul Bayt because the major part of the Caliphate of 'a' Ali had been spent in this city. In 40 AH the daughters of 'a' Ali had gone from Kufa to Madina along with their brother 'a' Hasan and now after twenty years they had arrived as prisoners in a city where they had ruled for about four years. The people of Iraq who had been the supporters of Ali in the battle

of the Cañ el Siffin and Nahrawan had now killed his son and taken his other descendants captives.

However, it might be said that the orators of Ahlul Bayt had come from Madina and the Hijaz to Kufa and Iraq to address the people and the people assembled in the lanes and bazaars to hear their speeches. They commenced their mission from the very first day of Muharram and spoke out to the people without fear. When there was no chance of speaking in the bazaar or at the door and no audience other than the court of Ibn Ziyad was available, they continued their task there also, although it was in the shade of replies to his questions, and then returned to the prison of Kufa.

The speeches of these brave and matchless orators effectively addressed the people, stirred their hearts and changed their views. Tears began to trickle from their eyes and they realized their

grave error. These speeches roused the sentiments of the people and the value and importance of this event became known to them. The efforts of the enemy to tamper with the facts of this event were frustrated and the tragedy of Karbala was recorded in history in its true shape.

The severe thirst of Ahlul Bayt was confirmed in the pages of history. The misdeeds of the enemy were recorded. History also shows the spiritual eminence of the companions and supporters of the Imam. This sentence of **Ali bin Husayn** is also recorded in history: When we are on the right path why should we fear death? The following words of **Qasim bin Hasan** also brighten the pages of history: For me death is sweeter than honey. The devotion and the manner of speech of **Muslim bin Awsaja** has been recorded in these words: If we withdraw our support from you and fail in performing this

duty what excuse shall we put forward before Allah? I swear by Allah that so long as I live I shall not give up my support to you till I may lay down my life for your sake and am killed earlier than all your other friends.

The Imam had permitted **Sa'id bin Abdullah Hanafi** to go away. His spiritual greatness, character and courage is summed up in this sentence: I swear by Allah that even if I am killed and am brought to life again and am then burnt in fire and my ashes are scattered in the air and this process is repeated seventy times I shall not leave you till I am martyred in this path.

The following words have made the name of **Bishr bin Amr** everlasting in the history of the martyrs of Islam. Husayn bin Ali! May the fierce animals of the desert tear me into pieces if I leave you and enquire about your circumstances from others. Why should I withdraw my support

to you when you are alone and friendless? I am not at all going to do any such thing. He expressed his devotion in these words: Is it possible that I should leave the son of the Holy Prophet at the mercy of the enemies and try to save my own life? May Allah not bring such a day.

The following words uttered by other honorable martyrs of Karbala which show their matchless magnanimity, valor, sincerity and steadfastness are recorded in the pages of history. **Amr bin Qurza Ansari** said while he was breathing his last: O son of the Holy Prophet! Have I been faithful and have I discharged my duty.

Have bin Mazahir Asadi said to **Muslim bin Awsaja** when the latter was about to die: Muslim! I congratulate you for you are going to Paradise earlier than us.

Muslim who was lying on the ground said in reply: Have I! I

aā goingā but you āust not
desert the Iā āā āā

Aāu Thaā āā a Saidi said to the Iā āā at āāout noonā
āWhat a good thing it would
āe if we offer the noon
āayers along with you āefore
we are āartyred!ā

If those sāeeches which were
deliāered in Syria had not
āeen there and if the sister
and son of Iā āā Husayn had
not got oāāortunities to sāeak
in the courts of Iān Ziyad and
Yazidā the eāent of the
āartyrdoā of Iā āā Husayn
and his coāāanions āight not
haāe āeen recorded in history
in its āresent forāā History
would haāe ignored the true
accountsā Eāen the sentence
uttered āy a ālack slaāe who
said to the Iā āā āā āDo not
deāriāe āe of āartyrdoā and
let āe acāuit āyself of āy
resāonsiāility in sāite of āy
haāing a ālack faceā would
haāe āeen forgottenā

Indeed there are āery few
chaāters in history which
reāained iā āune froā any

change to such an eātentā
Historians often differ āāout
āost of the details of historiā
cal factsā but it āay āe said
with certainty that the tragedy
of the āartyrdoā of Iā āā
Husayn is one of the āost
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than anyone else. Ali bin Husayn related these events to the people one day in the bazaar of Kufa on another day in the Jannat al-Masjid of Damascus and after so many times in Madinah in such a way that the position became crystal clear to them as if they themselves had been present in Karbala on the day of Ashura.

At last Yazid felt regretful on account of these developments. He realized correctly that it was a grave mistake to bring the women and children to Kufa and Syria as prisoners and it would have been better if the matter had ended with the martyrdom of Imam Husayn and his companions and a new chapter had not been opened and the Ahlul Bayt had not been allowed to speak in the bazaars and before the public gatherings. However, it was then too late.

What had been said with the lips could not be returned to the breasts and the scenes seen by the people and the

speeches heard by them could not be wiped out from their memory. It was no longer possible that those who had cried loudly in the bazaars should once again consider the descendants of the Holy Prophet about who the Verse of Purification was revealed rebellious and fit to be killed!

When common people are overtaken by a calamity they usually conceal it and do not wish that others should know what has befallen them. Contrary to this the Ahlul Bayt endeavored that as far as possible they should advise the people of what they had suffered. It was for this reason that whenever they got an opportunity they mentioned the events of Karbala in detail and even Imam Husayn who possessed the highest human and Islamic virtues was usually mentioned with the title of the martyr.



The various sermons addressed by Imam Husain (A.S.) and his companions before the enemy commenced the war

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Address of al-Hurr

According to some other authors al-Hurr was the first to address the enemy per ha's hoping that he would be able to persuade the thousand horsemen he confronted to see reason and leave their services under the aggressor and to shift their support to the righteous cause. Al-Hurr along with his son, brother and servant were some among those who had crossed over from Yazid's army. Therefore his address to the forces that he confronted until recently was very significant.

In his speech al-Hurr praised the Lord and the Prophet ﷺ and he recited verses from the Qur'an glorifying the Ahlul Bayt ﷺ one of whom Imam Husain ﷺ was. Al-Hurr recited the verses relating to the

Prophet Salih ﷺ the killing of whose camel had brought down the wrath of God. He reminded them that the killing of Imam Husain ﷺ who was from the very flesh and blood of the Prophet ﷺ for no fault would be a major sin inviting greater wrath of God both in this world and the hereafter. He reminded them that the pleasures and profits of this world were merely a transitory mirage and that the life to come would be the everlasting one. He then recounted his own experience saying that until the last night he confronted Yazid's cavalry and that he realized that neither had Imam Husain ﷺ done anything unjust, illegal or contrary to Islam while Yazid was an infidel, apostate and hypocrite undermining Islam from within. It was this reason

why he left the company and of Yazid's cavalry though knowing that he would be martyred.

The enemy had no answer to al-Hurr's arguments. Realising that al-Hurr's speech had caused a stir in the rank and file of the enemy, Shīr the cruellest and stonehearted of all, advised Umar bin S'ad that they should immediately attack and kill al-Hurr before he could utter another word. Al-Hurr went back to seek Imam Husain's permission to fight the enemy.

Address of Burair

Burair took permission to address the enemy. In his address, Burair told the enemy, "Would you refuse to recollect the tradition in which the Messenger of Allah had said that he was leading among the people in inseparable essential things namely the Qur'an, the Ahlul-Bait and that following both is obligatory and that if they forsake anyone of the two, Muslims will be confounded and led

astray." In unison, the enemy forces replied, "We admit that the Messenger of Allah had done so."

Burair said, "Would you deny that in the Qur'an Allah declares that the Ahlul-Bait are immaculate, free from the possibility of committing error?"

The enemy soldiers replied, "We cannot deny what you say as it is the truth." Burair said, "Do you admit that al-Husain is one of the Ahlul-Bait and the Imam of the time and that he is pious and righteous?" The soldiers replied, "We do admit it."

Burair said, "Has al-Husain committed any transgression of divine laws, killed anyone, decried anyone of his brotherly or has he committed any act that demands his execution?" The enemy forces admitted that Imam Husain (a.s.) had not committed any such act. Burair continued, "Do you not remember that Yazid's father Muawiyah polluted water in the battle of Siffin and that

when Ali gained possession of the river, he acted magnanimously in giving water and he refused to act like Muawiyah or to present water to be given to the thirsty enemy. The enemy concurred.

Zuhair then said, "You know that there are women, children and infants in al-Husain's camp who are being denied even a drop of water since the past three days. You allow heathens, atheists, Christians and Jews and even animals to drink water from the river, but you refuse to allow even a drop of it to your Prophet's grandson and his children." The enemy replied, "We are soldiers employed by Yazid to wage war. We obey his orders and there is no room for sympathy in a war."

Zuhair cursed their blind following and lack of humanitarian considerations and called back to Islam's call.

Address of Zuhair Ibn Qain

Then Zuhair Ibn al-Qain took permission to address the

enemy ranks. Zuhair said, "O you people who have gathered here, have you forgotten that the Messenger of Allah had advised you to adore and follow the Ahlul Bayt of whom al-Husain is the most prominent of those present here. This is the time of your test regarding that advice. You claim to be Muslims. Your action will show how you treat al-Husain now in the context of the Prophet's advice."

Shahr shot an arrow towards Zuhair saying, "O old Man, will you face us in combat or you will waste the breath of your old lungs with unnecessary talk. I am anxious to kill all of you." Zuhair replied, "Life among people like you is a disgrace and a burden. Death for al-Husain's cause is indeed a grace, blessing and everlasting pleasure."

Address of Ibn Awsaja and Ibn Mudhahir

Muslim Ibn Awsaja and Hamid Ibn Mudhahir went and

addressed the enemy soldiers by shouting Shi'ar Ibn S'ad Har'ala and Khouli interfered and disturbed their speech to prevent the soldiers from being impressed with the unassailable arguments put forth before them.

Address of Husain (a.s)

O a! Husain (a.s) then addressed the soldiers of Kufa saying, "Have you not written to me and requested me to come to you for providing religious guidance? Did you not assert that you are left without an Imam? Have I not written in reply promising to be among you to provide religious guidance? Have we done anything wrong? Have we committed any crime? Did you ever find me negligent in my religious obligations or in the adherence to the Islamic tenets?"

The soldiers replied, "You are not guilty of any of these."

Then Imam Husain (a.s) said, "On the other hand, Yazid himself and his men who have

gathered here are guilty of making innovations, discarding religious injunctions, indulging in worldly carnal pleasures, and mocking the messenger of Allah by saying that there is nothing but this life in this world, and that there is no accountability or reward or punishment and no life hereafter. Has not Yazid persecuted and killed several noble scholars who were pious Muslims? Do you then take sides with such men against me? Have you lost your sense of justice? Have you forgotten that Islam teaches austerity and piety? Is not this worldly life transitory and the gain you hope to get is not going to provide eternal comfort to you? Do you not realize the consequences of the evilness of your act in seeking to slay me?"

The enemy soldiers were spellbound. Imam Husain (a.s) continued, "You have fallen in serious error. You are misled and afflicted by your own ignorance and the incitement

of Yazid and his men. You have lost your sense of judgement and the desire to distinguish and accept good instead of evil. You are tempted by vain promises of worldly wealth and comfort. I assure you that you shall not have it. In fact, your guilt will torment you in this world and you will suffer punishment in the next. Take heed and listen. I have not done anything wrong nor harmed any of you as you never let me before. There is no cause for enmity between you and me. You know that God will punish those who kill an innocent person. Desist from your evil plan and even this moment let us part ways and avoid bloodshed.

Umar bin S'ad at the head of the enemy soldiers shouted, "We will not let you go. We have gathered here to fight and kill you and your companions."

Ibn al-Husain (a.s.) replied, "Disgrace be upon you! You have forsaken your religion

and become Satan's disciples. The ill-gotten and prohibited food that you consume has inspired disloyalty, uttering falsehood, injustice and shamelessness into your every blood and nature. Yet you seek my allegiance so that you may later claim that I had assented to your evil deeds. I would rather sacrifice my life than to succumb to the threats of a tyrant. I have placed all facts before you to show who is right and that we have not done anything wrong to warrant your wrath. I have also warned you sufficiently and if you do not heed my words, you shall be eternally held responsible in this life and in the hereafter."

On hearing this, Umar bin S'ad shot the first arrow towards Ibn al-Husain (a.s.) saying, "Bear witness O you God and men that I am the first to shoot this arrow in token of initiating this war against al-Husain and his companions."



A Summary of Post-Martyrdom Events

An excerpt from the book "Karāla and Beyond"

By Yasir Tahir iDouri

When al-Husayn (ع) was martyred, people fell upon his luggage and belongings looting everything they could find in his tents, then they set the tents to fire. People raced to rob the ladies of the Messenger of Allah (ع) Daughters of Fatima (a.s.) Zahra' (ع) tearfully ran away, their hair uncovered. Scarves were snatched, rings were pulled out of fingers, ear-rings were taken out, and so were ankle-rings.

A man took both ear-rings belonging to Umm Kulthum, riddling her ears in the process. Another approached Fatima, a daughter of al-Husayn (ع), taking her ankle-rings out. He was weeping as he committed his foul deed. "What is the matter with you?" she asked him. "How can I help weeping?" he answered. "Since I am looting the daughter of the Messen-

ger of Allah!" She asked him to leave her alone. He said, "I am afraid if I do not take it, someone else will."

The rogues reached Ali son of al-Husayn (ع) who was sick on his bed unable to stand up. So they were saying, "Do not let any of the young or old alive!" Others were saying, "Do not be rash in your judgment till we consult the governor Amir in Sa'd." Ash-Shi'r unsheathed his sword with the intention to kill Ali.

Habeeb ibn Musli' said to him, "Glory to Allah! Do you really kill children?" He is only a sick lad!" He said, "In Ziyad ordered all al-Husayn's sons killed." In Sa'd went to entreaties to stop him especially after having heard the wise lady Zainab, daughter of the Commander of the Faithful (ع) saying, "You will not kill him before killing me first," so they left him alone.

The Steed

Im Saʿd shouted: "Who volunteers to make sure that the chest and the back of al-Husayn (عليه السلام) are run over by the horses?" Ten men stood up. They rode their horses and trampled upon the body of the fragrant flower of the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ).

Al-Ayruni has said that they did to al-Husayn (عليه السلام) what no other nation had ever done to their most precious ones: killing with the sword or the spear, with stone throwing, and with horse trampling.

Leaving Karbala

Im Saʿd ordered the heads to be severed from their bodies. They were distributed to various tribes that used the as means to seek favour with Im Ziyad.

On the eleventh day of Muharram, Im Saʿd gathered those killed from his army and performed the funeral prayers for them, then buried them, leaving the corpses of the

Master of the Youths of Karaidse (عليه السلام) and those of his Ahl al-Bayt (عليه السلام) and companions unwashed, unshrouded, and unburied, exposed to the wind and to the wild beasts of the desert.

After the time of zawal, Im Saʿd left for Kufa with the women, the children, the bondmaids, and the surviving families of al-Husayn's companions. They included twenty women who they counted on camels without saddles just as was the custom then with Turks or Romans taken captive although they belonged to the best of all prophets (عليه السلام).

With them was as-Sajjad Ali ibn al-Husayn (عليه السلام) who was twenty-three years old. He was placed on a lean camel without a saddle, and he was worn out by sickness. His son, the later Imam al-Maʿir, who was two years and a few months old, accompanied him.

The ladies pleaded to thus for the love of Allah! Please

take us to those killed— When they saw how they had lost their limbs— how the soldiers had drank of their blood— and how the horses had trampled upon them— they screamed and beat their faces in anguish— Zaina— cried out—

“O Muhammad! Here is all Husayn in the desert covered with blood— his limbs cut off! Here are your daughters taken captive and your offspring slaughtered!”

These words caused friends and foes alike to weep— even the horses’ tears ran on their cheeks— Then she put her hands under his sacred body and lifted it as she supplicated saying— “O Lord! Do accept this sacrifice from us—”

At Kufa

When the daughters of the Commander of the Faithful (عليه السلام) entered Kufa— the city’s residents gathered to see them— so Ubaydullah Kulthum shouted at them— “O people of Kufa! Do not you have any sense of shame before Allah

and His Messenger so you look at the ladies of the Prophet—”

One of Kufa’s women came to them— and saw their condition for which even a most bitter enemy would feel sorry— She asked them— what captivities they were— and she was told— “We are captivities belonging to the progeny of Muhammad—”

The people of Kufa kept doling out dates— walnuts and bread to the children— when Ubaydullah Kulthum— that is— Zaina— al-Kubra— shouted at them— that they were robbing— invited from accepting charity— She threw away what had been given to the children—

Zainab’s Speech

The daughter of the Commander of the Faithful (عليه السلام) explained to people Ibn Ziyad’s villainy and meanness in a speech which she delivered to them— When she signaled to them to call down— they did— They stood speechless and motionless— and even the bells of their

ani alſ stooped ringing It was then that ſhe cal and coſed and with courage reſiſcent of that of her father Haider ؑ addressed the ſaying

All ſraiſe is due to Allah Peace and ſleſſings ſe uſon y father Muha ad ؑ and uſon his good and righteous ſrogeny ؑ May the reſounding of this calaſity neſer ſtoſ Your ſiſilitude is one who unſſins what is already ſſun out of the deſire to ſſolate ſa truſt You ſake religion a ſource of your incoſe Is there anyone aſong you who is not a ſoaster of what he does not haſe a charger of deſauſ chery a conceited liar a ſan of grudge without any juſtifiſ cation one ſuſſiſſe like ſondſ aids an inſtigater a ſaſture of what is not whole ſoſe a reciter of a ſtory to ſoſeone ſuried Truly ſad is that which your ſouls haſe coſſitted You haſe reaſed the Wrath of Allah reſaining in the chaſtiſeſent for

eternity Do you really cry and ſoſ

y Allah you ſhould then cry a great deal and laugh ſery little for you haſe earned nothing ſut ſhaſe and infaſy and you ſhall neſer ſe aſle to waſh it away and how could you do ſo The deſcendant of the ſearer of the Laſt Message ؑ the ſery eſſence of the Message the ſource of your ſecurity and the ſeacon of your guidance the refuge of the righteous froſ aſong you the one who ſaſes you froſ calaſity the Maſter of the Youths of ſaradiſe is killed O how horriſle is the ſin that you ſear Miseraſle you are and renegades froſ the ſath of righteousneſſ ſay you ſe diſtanced and cruſhed The eſſort is rendered futile the toil is ruined the deal is loſt and you earned nothing ſut Wrath froſ Allah and His Meſſenger ؑ You are dooſed with ſerſitude and huſiliation

Woe unto you! O Kufians! Do you know whose heart you have turned? what a feat! you have laboured? what blood you have shed? and what sanctity you have violated? You have done a most monstrous deed! so everything for which the heavens are about to split asunder and so is the earth! and for which the mountains crumble! You have done something most uncanny! most defaced! as much as the fill of the earth and of the sky! Do you wonder why the sky rains blood? Surely the torment of the hereafter is a greater chastisement! and they shall not be helped! Let no respite elate you! for rushing does not speed it up! nor does it fear the loss of the opportunity for revenge! Your Lord is waiting in a rush for you!

I! As-Sajjad (ع) said to her! That is enough! O aunt! for you are! raise to Allah! a learned lady who none taught! one who could reprehends without being made to do so!

As-Sajjad delivers a speech

He signaled to people to be silent! Once they were silent! he raised Allah and glorified Him and saluted the Prophet (ص)! Then he said!

O people! Whoever recognizes me knows me and whoever does not! let me tell him that I am Ali son of al-Husayn (ع) in Ali in Abu Tali (ع)! I am the son of the man whose sanctity has been violated! whose wealth has been plundered! whose children have been seized! I am the son of the one who has been slaughtered by the Euphrates neither out of blood revenge nor on account of an inheritance! I am the son of the one killed in the worst manner! This suffices me to be proud!

O people! I lead to you in the Name of Allah! Do you not know that you wrote my father then deceived him? Did you not grant him your covenant! your promise! and your allegiance! then you fought him? May you be

ruined for what you have committed against your own souls and out of your corrupt views! Through what eyes will you look at the Messenger of Allah ﷺ when he says to you, 'You killed my progeny, violated my sanctity' so you do not belong to my nation'

Loud cries rose and they said to each other, 'You have perished yet you are not aware of it'

Then he peace be with him said, 'May Allah have mercy on anyone who acts upon my advice who safeguards my legacy with regard to Allah, His Messenger ﷺ and his Ahl al-Bayt ﷺ for we have in the Messenger of Allah ﷺ a good example of conduct to emulate'

They all said, 'We, O son of the Messenger of Allah, hear and we obey and we shall safeguard your trust. We shall not turn away from you nor shall we disobey you so order us, may Allah have mercy on you for we shall

fight when you fight and we shall seek asylum when you do so we dissociate ourselves from whoever oppressed you and dealt unjustly with you'

He peace be with him said, 'Far far away it is from you to do so. O people of treachery and conniving! You are separated from what you desire. Do you want to come to me as you did to my father saying, 'No by the Lord of all those angels that ascend and descend!' The wound is yet to heal. My father was killed only yesterday and so were his Ahl al-Bayt ﷺ and the loss inflicted upon the Messenger of Allah ﷺ upon my father ﷺ and upon my family is yet to be forgotten. Its pain by Allah is between both of these sides and its bitterness is between my throat and palate. Its choke is resting in my very chest'

The Burial

On the 11th day of Muharram, Zain al-Abidin ﷺ came to bury his martyred father

Peace be with him since only an Imam buries another Imam.

When as-Sajjad came to the place he saw Janu Asadasse walked around the slain not knowing what to do. They could not identify the corpses especially since their killers had separated the heads from the bodies. Had it been otherwise they could have inquired about them with the families and the tribes of those slain but he, Peace be with him, informed them that it was his task to bury those pure bodies. He informed them of the names of the slain identifying those who belonged to Janu Hashi from the rest. Crying and wailing rose and tears filled the eyes of everyone present there and then. The ladies of Janu Asad loosened their hair in grief and beat their cheeks.

Imam Zain al-Abidin came walked to his father's body, hugged it and wept loudly. Then he came to the grave site and lifted a handful of its

soil. A grave already dug appeared and so did a pre-constructed shrine. He placed his hands under the Imam's back and said:

In the Name of Allah and according to the creed of the Messenger of Allah, Allah has said the truth and so has His Messenger. The will of Allah be done, there is neither power nor right except in Allah, the Great.

Then he took it and went down without being assisted by anyone from among the Janu Asad to whom he said: I have with me someone who will assist me.

Once he laid it down in the grave, he put his cheek on his father's sacred neck and said: Congratulations to the land that contains your pure body for the world after you is dark whereas the hereafter in your light shall shine. As to the night, it is the harbinger of sleep while grief remains forever for Allah shall choose for your Ahl al-Bayt your

aḥade wherein you shall aḥide. For the one to you is Salaḥ. O son of the Messenger of Allah and the mercy of Allah and His blessings.

Then he walked to the body of his uncle al-ʿAḥās and placed the with him. He fell upon it kissing his sacred neck and saying, "May the world after you be obliterated. O son of ʿAnu Hashi and peace for the one to you. O martyr and the mercy of Allah and His blessings."

He dug a grave for him and took him down in it by himself just as he had done to the corpse of his martyred father. ʿĒ. He said to ʿAnu Asad, "There is someone with me to help me."

Yes, he gave a piece of jewelry to ʿAnu Asad as a token of appreciation for consoling him in burying the martyrs and he assigned for the two places, ordering them to dig two pits in the first of which he buried those slain from ʿAnu Hashi and

in the second those slain from among the companions. As regarding al-Ḥurr ar-Riyahi his corpse was taken away by his tribe that buried it where it now stands.

At The Governor's Mansion

Ḥaḥing returned from his camp at Nakheela. In Ziyad went straight to his mansion. The sacred head was brought to him and it was then that the walls started bleeding and a fire broke out from one part of the mansion and made its way to the place where In Ziyad was sitting. He fled away from it and entered one of the mansion's rooms. The head spoke out in a loud voice that was heard by In Ziyad as well as by those who were present there and then.

It said, "Where do you flee to? If fire does not catch you in the life of this world, it shall be your aḥade in the hereafter." The head did not stop speaking till the fire was out. Everyone at the mansion was stunned, nothing like this had

ever taken place before. Yet Ibn Ziyad was not admonished by an incident such as that so he ordered the captives to be brought to him. The ladies of the Messenger of Allah ﷺ were brought to him and they were in the most pathetic condition.

Al-Husayn's head was placed in front of him so he kept hitting its mouth with a rod which he had in his hand for some time. Zaid ibn Arba' said, "Stop hitting these ladies with your rod for by Allah the One and Only Allah, I saw the ladies of the Messenger of Allah ﷺ kissing the ground then he broke into tears."

Ibn Ziyad said to him, "May Allah cause you never to cease crying! By Allah, had you not been an old man who lost his wits, I would have killed you." Zaid ibn Arba' went out of the meeting place saying, "A slave is now a monarch ruling the world treating the master as his property. O Arabs! Henceforth you are the slaves! You have killed

Abi Sa'ad's son and granted authority to the son of Marjanah who kills the best among you and permits the evil ones among you to be worshipped. You have accepted humiliation so away with whoever accepts humiliation."

Zainab, daughter of the Commander of the Faithful, kept a distance from the women as she remained disguised. But she could not disguise the prestige of being brought up in the lap of brotherhood and in the glory of Islam, so she attracted Ibn Ziyad's attention.

He inquired about her. He was told that she was Zainab, the wise lady, daughter of the Commander of the Faithful, Zaynab. He wanted to tell her how rejoiced he was at what had happened. Said he, "Raise me to Allah Who exposed you to shame. Who killed you and proved you liars." She spoke with her, responded with, "Raise me to Allah Who honoured us by choosing Muhammad as our prophet."

as His Prophet and purified us with a perfect purification. Rather, only a deceiver is exposed to shame and a sinner is proven to be a liar and we are neither.

In Ziyad asked her, "How have you seen what Allah has done to your Ahl al-Bayt (عليه السلام)?" She replied with her said, "I have seen Him treating them most beautifully." These are people to whom Allah prescribed martyrdom so they leaped from their beds welcoming it and Allah shall gather you and them and you shall be questioned and your opponents shall charge you so you will then find out whose lot shall be the crack of hell. May your mother O son of Marjana lose you.

This statement enraged In Ziyad and her words incited him with ire especially since she said it before such a huge crowd. He therefore was about to kill her when Amir in Hareeth said to him, "She is only a woman, can she be held accountable for

what she said? She cannot be blamed when she thus rattles."

In Ziyad turned to her one more time and said, "Allah has healed my heart by letting me seek revenge against your tyrant and against the rebels and mutineers from among his Ahl al-Bayt (عليه السلام). The wise lady calmed herself and said, "My my life! You have killed my middle-aged protector, persecuted my family, cut off my ranch and pulled out my roots, so if all of this heals your heart, then you are indeed healed."

He then turned to Ali in al-Husayn (عليه السلام) who he asked what his name was. Ali son of al-Husayn (عليه السلام) gave the answer. In Ziyad asked Ali, "Did not Allah kill Ali (عليه السلام)?" As-Sajjad (عليه السلام) answered, "I used to have an older brother also named Ali who people killed." In Ziyad responded by repeating his statement that it was Allah who had killed him. As-Sajjad therefore said, "Allah takes the

souls away at the time of their death—none dies except with Allah’s permission.

In Ziyad did not appreciate him, thus responding to his state—entirely rather than remaining silent—so he ordered him to be killed. But his aunt—the wise lady Zainab—put her arms around him and said: “O In Ziyad! Suffices you what you have shed of our blood—have you really spared anyone other than this? If you want to kill him, kill me with him as well!”

As Sajjad (ع) said to In Ziyad: “Do you not know that we are used to being killed and that martyrdom is one of Allah’s blessings upon us?” In Ziyad looked at both of them, then said: “Leave him for her—Allah’s azing is their tie of kinship—she wishes to be killed with him.”

When it became clear to In Ziyad that there were many people present who were voicing their resentment of what he had committed and

how everyone was repeating what Zainab had said—he feared an uprising—so he ordered the police to jail the captives inside a house adjacent to the grand mosque.

The Sacred Head Speaks

Zaid bin Arba has said: “I was sitting in my room when they passed by and I heard the head reciting this verse: Or do you think that the fellows of the cave and the inscription were of Our wonderful signs? Qur’an 10:75 My hair stood up and I said: By Allah! O son of the Messenger of Allah! Your head is much more wonderful!”

Hilal bin Mu’awiyah has said: “I saw a man carrying the head of al-Husayn (ع) as it—the head—was saying: You separated between my head and my body, so O Allah separate between your flesh and bones—and say He make you a Sign for those who stray from the Straight Path.”

(To be continued.....)



Janab-e-Zainab (S.A.), who laid the Foundation of Azadari

By Hujjat ul-Islam Syed Zaki Ali Qureshi Source: Iqbal-e-Reza.net

Janaab-e-Zainab daughter of the Holy Prophet sister of the King of Martyrs is a true role model for any woman today of any religion. She showed the world the definition of womanhood. Her bravery and courage stands alone in a field of millions. She was tied up and taken as a prisoner. She had her scarf ripped off her head. She had her house burned to the ground.

With a father like Ali, a brother like Fatima, a grandfather like Muhammad and brothers like Hasan and Hussein, Janaab-e-Zainab was brought up in a house of God. After losing both her grandfather and her brother at a young age, Janaab-e-Zainab spent all her time alongside her father. Even after her marriage, she never left his side. She was and still is a true example for all the wives and the daughters in this

world. But her love for her family did not stop there. For she later proved to be the ultimate sister to her loving brother. Iqbal-e-Hussein in Karbala.

After the death of her brother on the 10th of Muharram, Janaab-e-Zainab became responsible for all the women and the children. After she was taken to Kufa and eventually to Shamsa as a tied up prisoner along with the others, Janaab-e-Zainab never stopped reaching the importance of her grandfather's mission. She would constantly remind the people of Kufa who her brother was and what he stood for.

It was in Yazid's Court in Shamsa in front of a crowd of people where Janaab-e-Zainab delivered some historic sermons. The following is an example of such a sermon.

"You have harmed your souls with such terrible deeds that God is angry and you are doomed for eternal torment. You have forfeited the right to laugh and now there is nothing left for you but to mourn and weep. Do you realize that you have shed the blood of the Holy Prophet's successor, Imam Hussein, the person who could have been your saviour? Imam Hussein, the leader of the Youths of Paradise, was the one you needed for guidance and towards whom you could have turned in your time of need."

Sources say that at the end of her sermons the majority of the crowd would hide their faces in their hands and cry out of shame. She truly represented Imam Ali's voice in Kerbala. After being tortured in the dungeons of Shahr, Janaab-e-Zaina along with Imam Zainul-Aideen was released. After returning

to Kerbala and burying the headless bodies including her own brother, Janaab-e-Zaina returned to Medina. Upon arrival she went straight to her grandfather's grave telling him the entire story of Kerbala with a river of tears in her eyes.

It was in Medina where Janaab-e-Zaina along with Imam Zainul-Aideen laid the foundation of Azadari mourning for Imam Hussein. She used to lay a mat on the ground and have the Imam sit on it and narrate the story of Kerbala while the Qurayshite and Hashemite women would come in their mourning clothes and cry upon hearing the events. The women would cry so much that they would beat their selves in sorrow. After these Majlis the women would offer their condolences to Janaab-e-Zaina and the Imam. Janaab-e-Zaina lived the rest of her life in mourning for her brother.



The Significance of Ziyarat Ashura

Source: [Iqbal e Ahsan](#)

The following traditions indicate and highlight the merits of reciting Ziyarat Ashura

Tradition 1

Al-Qasbi in Mohabbat Hazrat Ali (r.a) narrates that he requested Iqbal e Ahsan to teach me a dua that I should recite on the day of Ashura after the reciting the Ziyarat of Imam Husain (a.s.) from near his grave or from a distance. Iqbal e Ahsan replied: "O Al-Qasbi! whenever you wish to recite the Ziyarat of Imam Husain (a.s.) you first perform two units of prayers. Then turn towards the grave of Imam Husain (a.s.) and while pointing towards it you first say 'Salaam' and then 'Takbir'. Thereafter you recite this Ziyarat (Ziyarat Ashura). If you do so then as if you have recited the supplication read by the angels while visiting

the grave of Imam Husain (a.s.) Moreover when you recite this Ziyarat then

- *Allah will increase your grade one million times*
- *You will be included among those people who were martyred along with Imam Husain (a.s.)*
- *On the day of Judgment, you will be included among the martyrs*
- *You will get the reward of all the Prophets (a.s.) who have visited the grave of Imam Husain (a.s.) from the day that he (a.s.) was martyred till date.*

At the end of this tradition Iqbal e Ahsan says: "O Al-Qasbi! if you can then recite this Ziyarat every day send salutations to Imam Husain (a.s.) You will get all the rewards of the one who recites it on the day of Ashura"

Tradition 2

۱۰۱۰ Sadiq (ع) says The
 one who visits the grave of
 ۱۰۱۰ Husain (ع) on the
 day of Ashura or spends the
 night near his (ع) grave
 then it is as if he attained
 martyrdom along with his
 (ع) Ka il al-Ziyarat
 Chapter ۱۰۱۰۱۰۱۰

Many Ziyaaraat haDe leen mentioned that can be recited on the day of Ashura but the Ziyarat mentioned by Janaab Safwan Radhi is more complete and it is Hadith-e-Mudsiq

Tradition 3

I am Sadiq al-Muntazil intentions
 The one who visits the grave
 of I am Husain knows know
 ing his right of I am ate
 then it is as if he has done the
 Ziyarat of Allah on the Arsh
 Ka il al-Ziyarat Chapter
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Tradition 4

Abdullah bin Qazl narrates: Once I was in the presence of Imam Sadiq (a.s.) when a person from the city of Basra

came to visit him. He asked the son of the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) What do you have to say for the one who visits the grave of Aa Adil (عليه السلام) on the day of Ashura?

The one who visits the grave of Aa Adillah while he acknowledges that his obedience is obligatory from the side of Allah then all his past and future sins shall be forgiven. He will be granted the right of intercession for seventy sinners. There will be no supplication that he shall ask from Allah near the grave of Aa Adillah except that it shall be accepted.

When we ponder over the above traditions, we realize the miraculous nature and effects of Ziyarat Ashura. These traditions also bear testimony to the efficacy of the earlier incidents.



Imam Sajjad's (A.S.) Responsibilities

By Ayatollah al-Uzma Sayyid Ali Khamenei
Source: Imam Ali Reza.net

Given the circumstances, what were the responsibilities of Imam Ali Sajjad? If he decided to follow that goal, he would feel three burdens on his shoulder. Firstly, he should impart the teachings of his religion to the people of his time. It is not possible to establish an Islamic government without acquainting the people with the religious teachings. Hence, the first task was to acquaint the people with the Islamic teachings.

Secondly, the issue of Imam Ali, which had been isolated and secluded, should be reintroduced and explained for the people once again. What is the meaning of Imam Ali? Who was an Imam in the people's viewpoint? Who was the leader of the society?

I will explain the concept of Imam Ali as understood

during the early years of the development of Islam.

During those days, both the supporters and opponents used the concept of Imam Ali in the same sense that we use today in the Islamic Republic of Iran: the Imam of the Ummah, the leader of the nation, the religious guide and the political ruler. Our understanding of the Imam during the recent two-three centuries was different; we thought that there is a ruler in the society who legislates, leads the wars, makes peace, runs the affairs, and establishes the government and its offices.

On the other hand, there is a spiritual guide who takes care of the religious aspects, teaches prayers and other similar issues to the people. He is a cleric or a spiritual guide. The Imam during his

time was like the cleric in later centuries. The Caliph used to rule and the Imam took care of the religious or ethical aspects.

This had been our understanding of the role of Imam over the past few centuries while in the early years of the development of Islam the general understanding of the Imam's role was different from this approach. Imam means the leader of the society, the leader of the religious and worldly affairs. The Umayyad and Abbaside claimed this kind of leadership.

The very drunk people who were deeply involved in the worldly realm too claimed this kind of leadership and considered themselves as Imams. I will discuss this issue later. Hence, the society had an Imam and its Imam was Abdul Malik.

Under the circumstances, Imam Sajjad (a.s.) had to explain the meaning of

Imamate its direction and the indispensable qualifications of an Imam for the people.

Finally, the third task of the Imam was to announce that he was the true Imam—that is, the right person for that position.

These were the three tasks Imam Sajjad (a.s.) had to undertake. Imam devoted most of his efforts to the first task for the situation did not allow him to pay attention to the other two tasks. The ground was not prepared for him to announce himself the Imam of the society. In the first place, he had to correct the people's religion and ethics.

The people must have been rescued from the whirlpool of corruption and licentiousness. The Imam had to rectify the spiritual aspects of the society which was the core and true spirit of the religion. Hence, Imam Sajjad's life and state affairs were entirely

dedicated to asceticism. Even when he decided to deliver a speech on political issues, he began with admonishment about asceticism.

Merely the signs of those who are ascetic in their worldly affairs and are interested in the hereafter are as follows:

“Iharqol”

In one of his short speeches, the Imam describes the world, its attractions and enchantment as follows:

First of all, is there any person who is ready to leave the leftovers for those who like it? Hear in mind that there is nothing less than Paradise awaiting you; therefore, do not transact it with anything less than that.

“Iharqol”

The state of the Imam Sajjad (a.s.) are mainly dedicated to asceticism and religious teachings. He even explains the religious teachings in the form of instructions and supplications. Indeed,

due to the repression and oppression prevailing during the Imam's era, he could not talk to the people in an explicit manner. Not only the system did not allow him, the people too were not interested in such issues.

The society was basically a depraved, corrupt and decadent one. It should have been reconstructed between 10 and 11 hijra, about three decades of the Imam's life were dedicated to the revival of spiritualism in the society.

However, by the passage of time, the situation improved to some extent. This is why in the tradition I already mentioned about the situation after the martyrdom of Imam Husayn (a.s.) Sadiq adds:

“Later the people joined and their numbers increased.”

“Iharqol”

The situation really improved and as a result of the 10-year hard work of Imam Sajjad (a.s.) we observe a better

situation during the time of
 Iqbal Qadir Raza

Recruiting and Training the Cadres

We come across some references to the recruitment and training of the cadres in the words of Iqbal Sajjad Raza. There are a number of lengthy speeches of Iqbal Sajjad in the Tuhaf ul-Uloom. Unfortunately, I did not have time to search for his lengthy speeches in other books. I guess that there is not any lengthy speech similar to those two or three lengthy traditions mentioned in Tuhaf ul-Uloom in other books, though there are a number of his short speeches. The nature and theme of these traditions underline the nature of the task Iqbal Sajjad Raza was trying to accomplish.

One of the said three traditions had been addressed to the public for it begins with "O people!" In this speech the Iqbal advises the people to heed Islamic teachings. He

says, "When a man is laid to rest in the grave, he is asked about his Creator, his prophet, his religion and his Iqbal."

This was a soft tone, suitable for the masses who were living within the realm of the Iqbal's propagation.

There is another tradition of the Iqbal which begins with another theme. Its content shows that it had been addressed to a particular group. The tradition begins as follows:

"God! May protect us against the plots of the oppressors, inequity of the enemies, and pressure of the tyrants. Beware the satanic powers. May not deceive you."

"Iharqol..."

This speech had not been delivered for the public; it was meant for a particular group.

The third tradition was meant for a limited number of the elite. Probably the addressees of this tradition were a group of the companions who

knew the secrets of the Imam (a.s.) were aware of Imam (a.s.) goal-oriented attitude and were among the confidantes of the Imam (a.s.) The tradition addressing to the companions begins as such

The characteristics of those who are pious in their worldly affairs and are interested in the hereafter are they give up the friendship and companionship of those who do not pursue what we follow

Uhuaf ul-Ul

We can infer from these traditions that the Imam (a.s.) during the said period or during various periods had two-three kinds of teachings and statements while addressing different groups of the people. In some of them he alludes to the ruling system and the illegal rulers while in others he only enumerates the general principles and Islamic issues.

This is a brief account of Imam Sajjad (a.s.) life. During this year period he rescues the

ignorant people from the clutches of their carnal desires on the one hand and from the domination of the oppressive systems as well as the trap of pretentious clerics of the Caliphate system on the other. He trains a group of faithful pious people who constitute a base for the future tasks. Of course the details of the life of his holiness require several hours of discussion.



Golden Sayings of Imam Hussain (a.s.)

1. Beware of oppressing a person, who finds no one to revenge against you except God the Mighty & the Majestic.

2. A nation, which buys goodwill of the created (people) at the cost of annoying the Creator, can never be happy and fortunate.



Martyrdom of Imam Zayn al-Abidin (A.S.)

Source: [aqa-reza.net](#)

Imam Zayn al-Abidin (peace be on him) was weak and old. This is because he exhausted himself by hard worship and obedience to Allah. The historians unanimously agreed that the Imam passed most of his life in fasting by day and standing in prayer by night. Meanwhile, he remembered the tragedy of Karbala. When he looked at his aunts and his sisters, he remembered their escape from one tent to another, and the caller of the people called out, "Turn the houses of the wrongdoers!" These memories saddened him very much and affected his body.

The Imam is given Poison

Imam Zayn al-Abidin had great popularity. The people spoke with admiration about his knowledge, his jurisprudence, and his acts of worship. The assees admired his patience and all his other

qualities. The Imam occupied the hearts and feelings of the people. Hence, blessed was he who saw him, met him, and listened to his words.

This situation frightened the Umayyads, especially as it concerns al-Walid bin Abd al-Malik, who was the most spiteful toward the Imam.

Al-Zuhri reported on the authority of al-Walid bin Abd al-Malik, who said, "I cannot have a rest as long as Ali bin al-Husayn is in this world! Hayat al-Imam Mohaqqaq al-Qasbi (رحمته الله تعالى) said:

When al-Walid became king, he decided to assassinate the Imam. He sent poison to his governor of Medina and ordered him to mix the poison with liquid and give it to the Imam to drink. Al-It'af bi Huqul-Ashraf (رحمته الله تعالى) al-Muhri (رحمته الله تعالى) said:

The poison reacted on the Imam's body and he suffered severely. Pain. The Imam remained on the bed of illness for some days. He complained to Allah of this and asked Him for forgiveness and good pleasure. The people crowded to visit him and he gave peace upon him. He raised and lauded Allah for providing him with martyrdom at the hand of the most wicked creature.

His Designation of al-Baqir for the Imamate

Imam Zayn al-Abidin gave peace upon him. He entrusted the Imamate to his son al-Baqir. Peace upon him who was the pioneer of the cultural and scientific movement in Islam.

Al-Zuhri said: He visited Ali and al-Husayn and asked him: If Allah's will, it will be so and so, who shall we follow after you?

The Imam gently looked at him and replied: Follow this son of mine, pointing to his son Mohaqir, for he is my testamentary trustee.

My inheritor, the one of my knowledge, the origin of knowledge, and the one who will split knowledge open.

Why have you not appointed your most obedient son as your testamentary trustee? asked al-Zuhri.

Al-Zuhri did not understand the affair of the Imamate. He thought that it was based on the tribal customs.

O Allah! Allah, the Imamate is not based on oldness and youngness. In this manner, Allah, Apostle, entrusted the Imamate to us and in this manner we have found it in the tablet, lawh, and the archaic Sahifa. answered the Imam.

Defining more information, al-Zuhri asked: O Son of Allah! Apostle, did your prophet appoint you as testamentary trustees after him?

We have found twelve names in the archaic and the tablet.

Their Iā a ate the na es of their fathers and of their others ha e been written in the talet re lied the Iā a and se en testa entary trustees will co e out of the loins of y son Moha ed AlMahdi will e one of the

AlKhazza`z Kifa`yat al Athar Ithā`t alHuda`t ol

So e Shiites isited the Iā a and he no inated his son Moha ed alāair before the and ordered the to follow hi Then he ga e hi a docu ent and a o in which were the inherit ances of the ro hets the wea on and ooks of Allah Aostle ay Allah less hi and his fa ily asa`ir al Daraja`t ol Ithā`t al Huda`t ol

His Commandments to his Son al-Baqir

Iā a Zayn alāidin eace e on hi entrusted his co and ents to his son Iā a Moha ed alāair eace e on hi The follow

ing is so e of his co and ents to hi

He co anded hi to take care of his sheca el He said to hi I rfor ed the hajj on this sheca el of ine twenty ti es yet I did not whi it When it dies ury it Let not the easts eat its eat for Allah Messengers ay Allah less hi and his fa ily said If a ca el sto s se en ti es at Arafah Allah will lace it a ong the fa ors of the Garden and less its offsring Alar i Maha`sin ol

The Iā a ga e to his son this co and ent which dis lays the brilliant sides of the ualities of the e ers of the Ahlulāyt eace e on the He said to hi y little son I will co and you with what y father co anded e when death was close to hi He said to e y little son eaware of wronging hi who finds no hel er against you e ce t Allah Alā ali ol Al Khisal

He commanded him to wash and shroud him and to undertake all his other affairs until he buried him in his final resting place.

To the Shelter Garden

The state of the Imam became worse. His illness became intense. The Imam suffered exhausting pain for the poison reacted on all the parts of his body. He told his family that he would go to Paradise at night. He fainted three times. When he came to consciousness, he recited Surah al-ʿAṭiḥa and Surah Innaʾ ʿAtahnaʾ. Then he placed his hand on his head and said, "Raise what belongs to Allah. Who has made good to us. His promise and made us inherit the land. We may abide in the garden where we please, so goodly is the reward of the workers."

Then the Imam's great soul went to its Creator, as the souls of the prophets and the messengers did. This great soul met its Creator after it had illuminated the horizons

of this world with knowledge, worship and freedom from all inclinations of carnality.

His Burial

Imam al-ʿAṭiḥi undertook the preparation of the corpse of his father. He washed his pure body. The people saw the places of his prostration which were like the knees of camels out of his abundant prostration in prayer for Allah, the Exalted. They also saw his shoulders which were like the knees of camels. Then they asked al-ʿAṭiḥi about this and he replied, "He would put food into his bag, carried it on his shoulders and divided the food among the poor and the deprived."

When al-ʿAṭiḥi had finished washing the corpse of his body, he shrouded it and prayed over it with the written prayers and buried him in al-Baqi Cemetery beside the grave of his pure uncle, Imam al-Hasan, the master of the youths of Paradise.



Islam's Fixed Principles and Precepts

By Ayatollah Muhaqqiq ad Ta'lim Mesbah Yazdi

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It is sheer deception and hypocrisy to say that one accepts Islam but believes that there is no specific interpretation of Islam and that all its principles are subject to change and various interpretations. As such, Islam may be interpreted the way Christianity is interpreted and a Muslim cannot be distinguished from a Christian. So, we cannot say so-and-so is a Muslim or not a Muslim!

Every building is constituted of elements such as foundations, wall and roof, and can be distinguished from a ruined structure. It cannot be claimed that building has no constitutive elements. Neither can it be said that a building will remain a building with or without foundations, wall and roof. It will remain a building whether it is constructed in the ground, air or sea, and it has neither specification nor

fixed elements. Similarly, assuming that Islam has no fixed and fundamental principles, we cannot say that a certain set is Islam while another set is not Islam.

Therefore, once a person accepts Islam, he ought to accept an array of specific elements as integral parts of the set. Of course, a set may also have suspicious and contingent parts, or an open-ended one to which parts may be added or subtracted. It is nonsense to say that a set has no specific parts, and yet remains a distinct set.

Friends and foes alike know the fundamental and essential elements of Islam. A part from tawhid, na'uwah and al-adl, Islam has other fundamental elements which are known to all including those who deny God. For instance, ritual prayer and Hajj are recognized as basic elements of Islam. All

People of the world know that during a certain period Muslims perform Hajj and pilgrimage. Now could somebody say that the Islaam he knows has no Hajj? Everyone knows that there are ritual prayers in Islaam.

Now if someone says that he accepts Islaam but according to his understanding of the religion ritual prayer is not an essential part of it, has he really understood Islaam or is he a deceiver who falsely introduces himself as a Muslim so as not to be deprived of the benefits of being a Muslim or be isolated from Islamic society? It is clear that Hajj, prayer and fasting are integral parts of this set and the essentials of the religion accepted by all Muslims.

If a person claims to know Islaam can he say that Islaam has no penal law to prevent theft while the Qur'an explicitly affirms it in the verse: "As for the thief, man and woman, cut off their hands." The same is true in the case of others which

are affirmed by explicit texts in the Qur'an. The essentials of Islaam are fixed and there is no more need for us to sit together and prove the one by one. As such if it is proved that the basis of Islaam is the Qur'an truly revealed by God, we have to accept that whatever the Qur'an states is right and that it encompasses an array of fixed, essential and definite elements.

Of course, some verses may have different interpretations but the mere existence of two different interpretations of a verse does not suggest that no fixed and definite element can be inferred and deduced from the Qur'an and that anyone can interpret it in whatever way he likes.

Once a person who is acquainted with the Arabic language refers to the Qur'an, he will find therein a series of specific themes which have nothing to do with different human interpretations and are not dependent on results.

tions—indsets and laws that we have learned from science—nor evidence—regarding the verse on prayer or the amputation of the thief's hand—a person who lived at the time of the Aristotelian—four elements— and—tolerant—several—heres— would have interpreted it just as the one who is living in this age of Einstein's law of relativity. It cannot be said that since Einstein's law of relativity is the order of the day, the meaning of the verse has also changed.

There may be a verse whose words are related to certain sciences due to the intellectual development and other factors, but there are some subjects that their understanding has nothing to do with different sciences.

Fixed essential laws and decisive concepts of the Qur'an

Both Muslims and non-Muslims know that Islam has a set of fixed essential laws. A

set of definite concepts can be deduced from the Qur'an and understood by a person—whether he believes in the Qur'an or not. Understanding those concepts depends on one's familiarity with the Arabic language and not on his being a Muslim. However, not all subjects of the Qur'an are of this kind. Some Qur'anic verses are such that different meanings can be inferred.

Another salient feature of the Qur'an is that it has many levels of meaning—explicit—Zahir—implicit—Batin—and esoteric—Batin al-Batin. But our focus is on the essentials of religion—on elements that never change and in spite of the difference in approach and interpretation— their meanings remain fixed— definite and unchangeable— nor evidence— the passage "And maintain the prayer" indicates the performance of prayer as waji while this passage points to fasting as waji—prescribed for you is fasting.

Regardless of the impending
 multiplicity of scientific
 theories and scientific investi-
 gations, the import of those
 verses will never change.

The essentials of religion are
 fixed, definite and unchange-
 able because they are among
 the most fundamental and
 decisive sources of Islaam.
 That is, we consider the
 Qur'an and the Sunnah as
 authoritative with clear
 evidence. Those who deny the
 essentials of religion, saying
 that one cannot have a
 definite and absolute under-
 standing of Islaam, are igno-
 rant, erroneous, or egocentric.

Undoubtedly, one of the
 essentials and fundamental
 principles in Islaamic political
 theory is that the law should
 be enacted by God. Those
 who deny divine law actually
 deny one of the essentials of
 religion.

Islaam cannot be accepted
 without accepting the import
 of verses that mention the
 essential features of Islaam or

by acting upon the selec-
 tively. Such a superficial
 acceptance of Islaam is the
 practice of those who are
 referred to by God in this
 verse: "And they say: 'We
 believe in so and so and dis-
 believe in so and so'."

Thereafter, regarding such
 people, God says: "It is they
 who are truly faithless."

Thus, whoever has faith in
 Islaam should accept the entire
 set of Islaamic laws and
 decrees and believe that the
 essentials of Islaam are inde-
 pendent of scientific develo-
 pments or new scientific
 theories. As such, whoever
 regards the verse related to
 prayer as true also regards as
 such the verse related to the
 ruling on theft. In the Qur'an
 one can find allegorical and
 contingent cases as various
 parts of Islaam as well. But one
 must believe that the Qur'an
 and Islaam must have fixed
 and definite parts that make it
 distinct from other religions.



Trial, Patience, and Reward

By Sayyed Muhaqqiq ad Hussein Qadhlullah

The trial in the life of a person is not considered a Divine Punishment but rather it is an experience that the person goes through throughout his life. When God creates life, He does not make one that is full of flowers without any thorns or thorns without flowers. On the contrary, life is full of thorns surrounded by flowers. Happiness accompanied with sadness and poverty accompanied with richness.

Life includes all of these conditions. Man does not attain pleasure without pain, happiness without sadness, and success without hard work. It is obvious that each of us, no matter how old or young he is, has experienced all these feelings. No one succeeds in school without exerting lots of efforts. Whoever wants to secure his sustenance would face and encounter lots of hardships. Therefore, God says to man

that he must like all these troubles if he wants to succeed in this life. Only because there is no enjoyment unless it is mixed with troubles and there is no success that is not a result of effort and there is no profit if there is no loss.

Then, how would you go about in this life? Do you fail and lament your luck or do you leave school if it is exhausting and costs you nights of studying? Do you quit asking for sustenance if it is very exhausting and costs you lots of hardships and travels or would you be resilient and persevere to taste the good consequences of your efforts later on? The Holy Quran emphasizes this point when it mentions the trial identifying it with strife, a strife that shakes man's life and puts him at the edge of either failure or success. Do the people suppose that they

will be let off because they say "We have faith" and they will not be tested ﴿١٥٥﴾

God aims at testing you in your faith. So, He exposes you to many troubles and ups and downs that might challenge your faith.

God tells us about what we would face in this life. He tells us about a lot of insecurities as in the case where a person sleeps and wakes up afraid of an aggression of a neighbouring enemy or a person facing extreme poverty that he can find nothing to sustain himself. Also, a person might face losses in money and in souls. He might lose dear relatives, beloved ones or he might be tried in the loss of the crops if he was a farmer or a farmer. God says that the person might face such disasters in his life. When some people are hit by either failure or fear, they might not be able to endure, so they lose balance. Such things might drive them to commit suicide, whether a physical

suicide or a social suicide where they become mentally or socially ill. Here, God calls for patience and give good news to the patient. Such patience would open the road for the person to attain life and its history. This person would realize then that lots of people had previously lived the same experiences. This person would realize that lots of people who were living in fear had later on lived in safety. Lots of poor people became rich later on and lots of hungry people became satisfied. Therefore, when they face losses in money, souls or crops, they would be compensated with lots of things as a reward for their endurance. We will surely test you with a measure of fear and hunger and a loss of wealth, lives and fruits, and give good news to the patient those who, when an affliction visits them, say "Indeed we belong to Allah and to Him, do we indeed re-
turn ﴿١٥٦﴾



ISIL, Another Bogeyman Created By US

Source: Press TV

Press TV has conducted an interview with Gordon Duff, senior editor of Veterans Today from Ohio, about the United States saying it will not coordinate future airstrikes on ISIL terrorists inside Syria despite warnings by Damascus that any unauthorized strike on its soil is an act of aggression.

What follows is an audio-visual transcription of the interview.

Press TV: Well how do you see this whole situation? On the one hand we see both Cameron and Obama coming out verbally condemning what is going on and said that they are going to stop it. On the other hand they are talking about airstrikes so far without putting troops on the air.

It appears to some that on the one hand that they are trying to show that they are against ISIL but in reality that

that may not be the case. Your take?

Duff: I think you have got it exactly right. Kerry is not generally as irrational as Cameron and some others that the US is still politically very much behind overthrowing the government of Syria using force that the US is politically behind backing al-Qaeda affiliates and ISIL and al-Nusra are not only al-Qaeda affiliates they share the same interests.

There is no proven difference between the and between their goals even their ideological and leadership are intertwined entirely. And one is totally supported by the United States not just that. Kerry has also said he plans on giving support for al-Nusra the ally of ISIL and in doing so increased the pressure on the Syrian government aiding ISIL and if

you see where this is going? I cannot make sense of it? you cannot make sense of it? I do not see where anyone else can either?

Press TV: There are so many analysts saying that all this is basically about making sure that the region just remains unstable? just creating? continuing a constant state of chaos that that actually is what the United States wants? How do you see that?

Duff: That is also correct? The US made the mistake during the Syrian conflict of turning up one of its cards? board cutout bogeymen? Al-Qaeda was always a creation of the United States? It was always part of the CIA? There was no terrorist leader Osama bin Laden? I still hear this? Any of us that works in intelligence? it drives us crazy hearing this kind of insanity?

When we began publically supporting al-Qaeda we lost the ability to run to the American people and point at them as a

bogeyman. We had to invent another and we clearly invented this one. And no, they are not out of hand. They are doing exactly what the US government wants them do exactly what you described and the worst thing that can happen to the US government is to do something that would actually defeat ISIL.

I work with a group of military counterterrorism experts? Defeating ISIL would take two weeks? They are in territory where we can block their communications? monitor them? block any of them? cut off any resources? we can do it easily with their power alone? There would be nothing to beat them? nothing at all? There is no intent? Every word the US said is a lie?

Press TV: So then the next question would be why? why does Washington want this instability to continue to be the status quo in this region? What are they gaining from this?

Duff: People are making billions of dollars of arms and contracts with brokering companies for interference with governments throughout the area which so the people mistakenly thought it was an Arab Spring. We now see it very differently. We are seeing a global aspect of the same struggle as it goes on into Ukraine as it heads into Africa. All of these things are related.

This instability is very much on the behalf of a wide group of industries, of secret societies to keep the world unstable to certainly war against not just Islam. It is very much a war on behalf of the Haves against the Have Nots to keep the world enslaved and I know that has that anti-imperialist sound about it but it is very much accurate in this case. This is very much a war against the people of the world.

Press TV: Well how the people of the world defend themselves in this war? You said Haves against the Have

Nots—what is the key because if what you are saying is true then basically the most powerful militaries are on their side—also the media is on their side so what would be the key to break this?

Duff: Well the problem we have is that by following thephony war on terror by interdiction to third rate news organizations, gatekeepers, controlled news, by taking part in believing in the politics of NATO, the politics of the West certainly there are very few players left and among those are Putin and Russia. Iran is a player. Hamas and Hezbollah and last that the list gets very short.

The only hope we would have is to support a strengthened Non-Aligned Movement and reform in United Nations and reform in the United Nations and it is the only way we have to go and I am not optimistic about that.



US using ISIL to sidestep UNSC over Syria

Source: Press TV

Press TV has interviewed former US intelligence linguist Scott Rickard to discuss Washington and its allies' plans regarding ISIL Takfiri militants operating in Iraq and Syria.

Below is an abbreviated transcription of the interview.

Press TV: Mr. Rickard, our guest in Washington has called this a civil war within Islam. When you look at ISIL as a group, do you see it as playing that role as being basically a party to a civil war in Islam or is it as many analysts say actually an entity that was created by Washington and some of its Persian Gulf allies to do exactly what it is doing?

Rickard: Well, either Mr. Peterson refuses to recognize American involvement over the last five to six years or he is completely naïve to the facts that the American military, the American intelligence agencies, alongside

Turkish, Israeli, French, British, Saudi Arabian, and many different intelligence agencies have been working together to not only recruit, train, support, finance, give harbor to Turkey has been a very safe haven for these mercenaries that have been brought into the region over the last three to four years and there are thousands upon thousands who have been ordered and there are thousands upon thousands that continue to cooperate.

Today, Adnan al-Rashid, the general manager for Al-Arabiya News Channel out of Saudi Arabia has gone so far as to exaggerate that over 100,000 troops now belong to this so-called ISIS army when in fact the army is actually being reduced in size because of the strikes in Iraq and they are scattering for their lives. They have been warned that nothing will be

coming in Raqqa so they are actually looking for coalitions among some of the other factions that have been fighting in Syria for the last three years. So this fantasy that Mr. Peterson is living behind is no though in reality.

The Americans have been fully engaged financially, fully engaged in the intelligence community. I mean even Stephen Sotloff for God's sakes, this guy was not just a journalist. I can prove that Sotloff spent three years going to school at an Israeli Mossad training facility prior to having his head supposedly cut off. This gentleman is actually directly tied to the director of the intelligence at the Mossad Uzi Arad and this I can prove. So these are the kind of individuals who have been involved in the aid programs and been involved in the journalist side. There is a lot of deception going on here and let's be clear that Mossad fights war by deception.

Press TV: How do you see it? Is it a lack of American leadership or is it the leadership exactly as planned as the situation is happening? There are many who say that as a matter of fact the situation right now that the United States will also carry out airstrikes not only in Iraq but in Syria without the coordination with Damascus. And we know that the Syrian government has said if that happens they will look at that as an invasion of its sovereignty. So is this set up to be exactly as it is playing itself out despite what Mr. Peterson is saying that it is a lack of leadership?

Rickard: *It certainly isn't a lack of leadership. The leadership has been very clear about overthrowing Bashar Al-Assad. What they are doing is they are side stepping the United Nations and the Security Council and going to war without any UNSC blessings. This is something that was blocked last year by China and by Russia and now they are basically, superseding*

that decision and creating a false scenario with a new boogeyman that happens to be the mercenaries that they have hired and trained who have actually gone into Iraq not unwelcomed.

The Sunnis in the north of Iraq laid down their soldiers laid down their arms and the way to only attacking soldiers coming out of the ISIL mercenary forces. So no. This is actually as planned. It took down Maliki and now it is giving more credence to the Kurdish regional government to create a Kurdish state. This is something that the US has wanted to do for over 10 to 15 years.

So to say that this is not leadership, no this leadership is going as planned and they are going to turn this on Assad and as soon as they take out any of the unruly mercenaries because there are some mercenaries that have not followed the plan and there are some mercenaries

who have gone off the actual program and they will take those out. In fact there are many intelligence agencies French American working within the mercenary forces. They have been working within those mercenary forces for several years.

So they know who to target and who not to target. So you will see people getting targeted. They will be the most unruly, most extremist and the most difficult to control and those will be the forces who will be taken out. But they will certainly not destroy the mercenaries they put together.

Press TV: Where does this leave us? He is saying it is a lack of leadership and you are saying that the leadership is exactly on track. What do you think that we are on the horizon of seeing with this scenario?

Rickard: Well when I say the leadership is on track I am not talking about the

administration. Let's be clear here. Barack Obama is by far not the architect of this nastiness that we are seeing in the region. And what we are going to see in the region is we are going to see further escalation of warfare done by the allies that have continued to destroy countries like Libya. They have gone in and manipulated Yemen and have manipulated Iraq and have manipulated Afghanistan for decades upon decades since the Sykes-Picot agreement.

So this is a serious relationship between imperial allies, the French, the British, and the Americans who have continued to manipulate the region and deceive not only the American President because he may not be aware that he is being deceived, there are people who actually believe that these headings are actually real. I can tell you for sure nine swiftness on a neck are going to cause a mass amount of blood.

The first swiftness would be when you see these swiftnesses going across Sotloff and Gole's neck. You see no blood and then afterwards you see a photo-shopped picture of a head on the back of a body. Let's be clear that Mahmoud al-Mahmoud was ordered by the Mossad agents in Dubai that were clearly shown on television and the newspapers that we have not seen those Mossad agents in the last four years. So it is very easy to hide people like Sotloff after they supposedly kill them.



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Kids Corner

Muharram – The Start of Islamic Year

The month of Muharram marks the beginning of the Islamic year. We do not greet it with merry-making, nor celebrate it by holding parties. Instead, our hearts are filled with sadness and grief as we remember those martyrs who were killed in Karbala in the year 61 AH.

For the next twelve days and nights, we hold Majalis-e-Hussain (a.s.) to mourn the death of Imam Hussain (a.s.), his family and companions. In these Majalis, we recall the events of the martyrdom of Imam Hussain (a.s.), his family and companions, and the hardship and suffering of those in his

family who survived the tragedy of Karbala.

The first Majlis-e-Hussain (a.s.) was started by his sister, Bibi Zainab (s.a.), as soon as they were set free by Yazid. Since then all the Imams and Shias have continued the Majalis-e-Hussain (a.s.) regularly.

We hold these Majalis to thank Imam Hussain (a.s.), his family and companions for the great sacrifice in Karbala for saving us and Islam. We hold these Majalis because we love our Imam and feel sad to hear about his hardship and suffering in Karbala, and also to comfort Bibi Fatima (s.a.) – the mother of Imam Hussain (a.s.).

Bibi Fatima (s.a.) comes to Majalis-e-Hussain (a.s.). Though we cannot see her, she prays for us and our families' safety. She collects our tears when we cry for Imam Hussain (a.s.) and his family. On the Day of

Judgement she will return all those tears we have shed for her family. These tears will protect us from the Fire of Hell.

We need to examine our deeds and see if they are good enough for us to face Bibi Fatima (s.a.) on the Day of Judgement. If we are not praying our daily Namaz regularly, how would we be able to face Bibi Fatima (s.a.) on the Day of Judgement?

We come to the Majalis-e-Hussain (a.s) because we are thankful for what Imam Hussain (a.s) did to save your religion. We cry and do matam for Imam Hussain (a.s) because we love him. If you really love someone then you surely want to please him. But how can we please Imam Hussain (a.s) if we are not praying our Namaz regularly?

Majalis-e-Hussain (a.s) will continue till the Day of Judgement. It is not be-

cause of us. We are the only means through which Allah (S.W.T.) keeps Hussain (a.s)'s great sacrifice alive. Imam Hussain (a.s.) died saving Allah's religion and Allah (S.W.T.) has promised to keep alive Imam Hussain's name and his great sacrifice, till the Day of Judgement.

Enemies of Islam can never stop Majalis and matam, even if they try thousands of times to do so.

On the 1st of Muharram, Imam Hussain's caravan had reached just outside Karbala. They pitched their tents for the night. Imam Hussain (a.s.) and his sister, Zainab (s.a.), were standing talking outside Imam's tent. Together they both sighted the moon of 1st of Muharram.

Tears flowed from Hussain (a.s) eyes. Zainab (s.a.) grew worried and asked her brother:

"My dearest brother Hussain (a.s.), why are there tears in your eyes?" "Zainab! My sister Zainab! Please pray for me that I keep my promise to Allah (S.W.T.). Pray, my sister, that I succeed in completing my mission to save Islam. Zainab! Pray for me that I do not hesitate in giving up my life for Islam."

Imam Hussain (a.s) was not crying because he was worried about dying. Imam Hussain (a.s) did not ask his sister to pray to Allah (S.W.T.) to save his life. All he was concerned about was saving us and Islam.

Bibi Zainab's eyes were filled with tears when she heard what Imam Hussain (a.s.) asked her to do.

"My beloved sister Zainab! Don't cry! You will have to perform a greater duty after my death. Be brave and patient!"

Bibi Zainab went to her tent. Ali Akber joined his father, Hussain (a.s).

"My son, Ali Akber! I saw a dream last night. I saw a group of people heading for a place where death was waiting for them. I saw them all killed, one-by-one."

"Father! I know these people. Those people are us. But, tell me father, are we on the right path?"

"Yes, my son Akber, We are on the right path."

"Then let us not worry? Father, if we are on the right path, then let us die happily. We should continue our journey and greet our death with a smile."

"I am proud of you, my son Akber!"



The Battle of Truth against Falsehood

Thus the battle of Truth against Falsehood began.

One after another of the Godly ones from the Holy Imam's side went into the field and laid down his life after exhibiting wonderful bravery, courage, valor and prowess. It looked as if the thirst, hunger, heat and the wounds had no effect whatsoever on the patience, the strength and the determination of Imam Hussain (a.s.)'s devotees.

At last when the deceitful Umar son of Saad saw the wonderful fight, he was astonished that each one from the Holy Imam's side easily destroyed dozens before he fell, he ordered a sally in contravention of the solemn agreement entered into, the previous night. The bravery and the skill displayed by the faithful supporters of the sacred cause, the matchless resignation to the Divine Will, and the flawless devotion and the ideal attachment of each one of the hungry and

thirsty sufferers of the Godly camp, to the Holy Imam and to the sacred cause of Truth, drowned the Devil's army and their officers in wonder and astonishment, and they had become so awe-stricken at the miraculous strength and unparalleled courage of the helpless sufferers that they began to dread the very countenance of each of the Godly devotees of the Holy Imam who came alone into the field and fought and fell in the way of God.

Imam Hussain's companions were determined that as long as one of them was alive, they would not allow the blood of Imam Hussain (a.s.) and his family spill in Karbala. From early that morning, Imam Hussain together with Abbas the brave, Ali Akbar and others carried the bodies of their companions back to the camp. Although these brave soldiers did not have their

own families to mourn their death, the ladies in Imam Hussain's camp cried for them as if they were part of their own family.

Thus, whenever a supporter of the Holy cause went against the Devil's forces and fell, Imam Hussain, Abbas the brave and Ali Akbar would rush out to be by the side of their dying companion and brought his body back and laid it in a tent pitched particularly for the martyrs. As the battle for Right against Might proceeded and the supporters of the Truth fell one after another, the tent containing the bodies of the martyrs was turned into a 'Ganj-e-Shaheedan'. When the dust of the battle settled, around fifty (50) of Imam Hussain's companions were martyred.

Aun and Muhammad:

Aun and Muhammad were the sons of Bibi Zainab, and

they were quite young, aged ten (10) and nine (9) years respectively. They had learnt the art of fencing from their uncle, Abbas the brave.

When devotee after devotee fought and fell, in defense of the Holy Family, Aun and Muhammad felt that it was now their turn to go to the battlefield. They went to their mother Zainab (s.a.) to ask for her blessings. Aun and Muhammad assured their mother that they would fight with such bravery that whenever she thought of them, she would remember how brave they were. Zainab (s.a.) went to her brother to request him, and said: "Hussain, at the Battle of Siffin, Abbas was only ten (10) years old. When he saw someone trying to attack you, he rushed into the battle field and killed the man. Do you remember how proud our father Ali was? Today I too want to be

proud of my sons. I want to see them go out there and defend Islam. Will you not allow me that privilege?"

Imam Hussain (a.s.) stood there in silence. He looked at his sister. He saw the disappointment on her face, and saw tears forming around her eyes. Then said: "My beloved sister you have never asked me for anything before, how can I say no to you now." He turned to Aun and Muhammad and said "Go my sons, be brave, I shall join you soon on your journey to the heavens." Bibi Zainab held them close and kissed them goodbye. The boys raised their hands and said "Fi Amanillah, mother!" Bibi Zainab replied, "God be with you, my sons!"

The two boys rode out into the battlefield. They fought bravely. At one point 'Umar son of Saad' asked, "Who are these two youngsters? They fight like I have seen Ali son of Abu Talib fight."

When he was told who they were he ordered his soldiers to give up single combats and surround and kill the boys. Aun and Muhammad were attacked from all sides.

Imam Hussain, Abbas and Qasim, stood by Zainab as she watched her sons fighting. Hardly a few minutes had passed when Aun fell from his horse and shouted for Imam Hussain. Just at that moment another cry was heard, this time from Muhammad. Abbas left Qasim with Zainab while he ran to the battlefield. Imam Hussain carried the body of Aun while Abbas carried Muhammad.

Imam Hussain (a.s.) walked to Zainab's tent. He found her in Sajdah praying, "Oh my God, I thank you for accepting my sacrifice. My heart is filled with pride because my two sons have given their lives for your religion."

Bibi Zainab came to the two bodies of her sons and addressing them said: "My dear children! Now I am pleased with you that, you have proved your worth and laid down your lives for Truth and pleased God and His Holy Prophet (S)."



The night of Homeless

As the sun was setting in the horizon, the soldiers rushed to Imam Hussain's camp in search of booty. They looted every tent. Every lady and every girl was stripped of her veil. Fatima's daughters were left bareheaded. Sakina's earrings were pulled off her ears, splitting her ear lobes. When the little girl pleaded for her veil to be left untouched, she was slapped.

Surely they would stop now? But they did not. They set fire to all the tents. Bibi Zainab (pbuh) was very distressed. She turned to

Imam Zainul Abideen (pbuh) and said "You are our Imam now. Tell us what we should do now, should we stay in our tents and burn, or go out without our veils?" Imam Zainul Abideen (pbuh) told her that it was their religious duty to try and save their lives. Bibi Zainab (pbuh) gathered everyone and waited outside, while their tents burnt down. When the fire was out, they took shelter under one of the tents which had not been completely destroyed.

'Hameed son of Muslim' describes how he saw a little girl with her dress on fire, her ears bleeding, running from the scene of carnage. He says: "I ran after her. I took her by hand. Put out the fire in her dress. I wiped the blood off her ears." She looked at me and said, "You seem like a kind person, are you a Muslim?" I told her I was.

She thought a while and then said, "Can you please show me the way to Najaf?" I asked, "Why do you want to go to Najaf at this hour and in this state?" She said, "I want to go and complain to my Grandfather 'Ali son of Abu Talib' about how they killed my father." Realizing that she was Hussain's daughter Sakina, I took her back to her aunt Zainab (pbuh).

As the night descended, Bibi Zainab gathered all the ladies and children, into one small space in between the gutted tents. Imam Zainul Abideen (pbuh) lay on the ground surrounded by these widows and orphans. There was no fire, no light. Only the moon cast its dull light.

'Umar son of Saad' asked Hurr's widow to take some food and water to the ladies and the children. As she neared to where they were resting, Bibi Zainab (pbuh) recognized her. She stood

up, went towards Hurr's widow and offered her condolences for the death of Hurr. This gesture on the part of Zainab (pbuh), who had suffered so much, lost so many, and carrying so much grief in her heart, is a lesson in Islamic ethics which the world should never be allowed to forget. When Bibi Zainab (pbuh) saw the food and water she cried.

"Imam Hussain and his brave soldiers had died hungry and thirsty, and now the same people who martyred them were bringing food and water to their widows and orphans." She looked at the sky and prayed to God to give her courage. Zainab (pbuh) remembered the words of her brother to give water first to Sakina (pbuh). She took the jug of water and went to Sakina (pbuh) who had fallen into a fretful sleep.

Gently she stroked the girl's disheveled hair. Sakina

opened her eyes. Zainab (pbuh) said, "Here is some water, Sakina. Please drink a little. You have been thirsty for so long!" On hearing the word 'water' Sakina cried out hopefully, "Has my uncle Abbas come back?" When she was told that Hurr's widow had brought the water, she got up, went to Hurr's widow, thanked her and then asked Zainab: "Have you all drunk water?" Zainab shook her head as no.

Sakina asked, "Why then do you ask me to drink water?" Zainab said, "Because, my dear, you are the youngest." Sakina replied, "No! No! Ali Asghar is the youngest!" Sakina took the jug of water, ran towards where Ali Asghar lay buried, crying "O dear Asghar!"

This was how the homeless spent their night in Karbala. They had lost everything. Their men had died. Their children had been martyred.

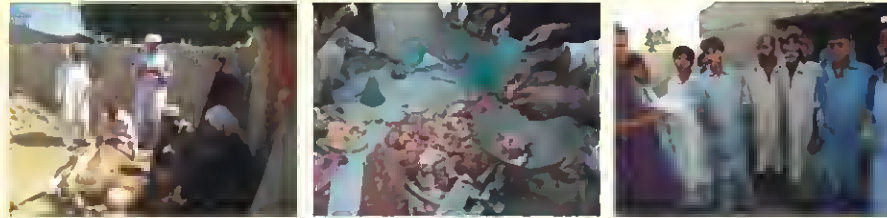
In this desolate desert, the fourth Imam, the women and the remaining children are huddled where only a few hours before had stood their camp. Abbas, Qasim and Ali Akbar had taken turns to guard the camp. Now Zainab and Umme Kulsoom lay awake to make sure that Imam Zainul Abideen (pbuh) and the children were not attacked.

Suddenly, Bibi Zainab (pbuh) notices that Sakina (pbuh) has disappeared. She is alarmed. She looks around but Hussain's darling daughter is not to be seen. Zainab (pbuh) slowly walks to the battlefield. She comes to where Abbas (pbuh) lay. "Abbas! Abbas! My dear brother, have you seen Sakina?" There is silence! She makes her way to where Hussain's headless body lay. There, hugging her father, she finds Sakina, deep in sleep!



COLLECTIVE QURBANI

By grace of Allah (swt), the collective Qurbani at worth of more than 10 lacks was done in poverty-stricken areas of Sindh, Baluchistan and Punjab especially preferred the flood affected areas like Jhang and Muzaffargarh.



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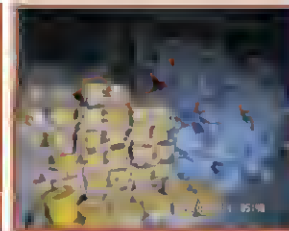
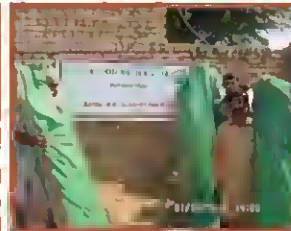
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<u>S.No.</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Tents</u>	<u>Food Parcels</u>	<u>Total Amt</u>
01	Athara Hazari	Jhang	230	1,000	3,420,000
02	Ahmedpur Sial	Jhang	220	1,100	3,630,000
03	Shorkot	Jhang	X	100	250,000
04	Jhang	Jhang	X	180	450,000
05	Muzaffargarh	Muzaffargarh	200	553	1,382,500
06	Narowal	Narowal	X	67	167,500
Total:			650	3,000	9,300,000



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